

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 718

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRISAMORE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 211.041, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to extension of foster care.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 211.041, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 211.041, to read as follows:

211.041. 1. When jurisdiction over the person of a child has been acquired by the juvenile court under the provisions of this chapter in proceedings coming within the applicable provisions of section 211.031, the jurisdiction of the child may be retained for the purpose of this chapter until he or she has attained the age of twenty-one years, except in cases where he or she is committed to and received by the division of youth services, unless jurisdiction has been returned to the committing court by provisions of chapter 219 through requests of the court to the division of youth services and except in any case where he or she has not paid an assessment imposed in accordance with section 211.181 or in cases where the judgment for restitution entered in accordance with section 211.185 has not been satisfied. Every child over whose person the juvenile court retains jurisdiction shall be prosecuted under the general law for any violation of a state law or of a municipal ordinance which he or she commits after he or she becomes seventeen years of age. The juvenile court shall have no jurisdiction with respect to any such violation and, so long as it retains jurisdiction of the child, shall not exercise its jurisdiction in such a manner as to conflict with any other court's jurisdiction as to any such violation.

2. In accordance with subsection 1 of this section, jurisdiction over the person of a child who is or has been in foster care prior to the child's seventeenth birthday shall be extended up to the age of twenty-one if such child makes a one-time election to remain or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 reenter the foster care system after such child's seventeenth birthday. Such child shall be  
19 limited to one election to continue or reenter foster care between the ages of seventeen and  
20 twenty-one and upon making such an election, shall be eligible for all foster care services  
21 available to children less than seventeen years of age.

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